

Amendments to Claims:

The following complete listing of claims replaces all previous claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the pair of opposing panels includes a first portion of a tube wall substantially opposing a second portion of the tube wall.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the first handle further comprises a patch attached to the stack of panels and the one of a cut and a series of perforations extends through the patch.
5. (Currently Amended) A sealed, multi-handled bag for packaging loose materials comprising:
 - a non-resealable sealed substantially tubular shaped body without intucked sides, having a first end and a second end, the second end being substantially opposite the first end in a longitudinal direction of the non-resealable sealed body, the body including two opposing panels defining a storage cavity therebetween, the opposing panels being directly attached to each other at the first end to form a non-resealable first seam and at the second end to form a non-resealable second seam, wherein the seams are formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire body end such that the body is non-resealable, and each panel has a thickness of about 3 to 12 mils;
 - a first flap formed from first portions of the opposing panels extending in the longitudinal direction beyond the first seam at the first end and a second flap formed from second portions of the opposing panels extending in the longitudinal direction beyond the second seam at the second end;

a first handle formed in the first flap; and

a second handle formed in the second flap;

wherein the first flap includes a stack of panels formed from the first portions of the opposing panels, the first handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the stack of panels and a non-resealable third seam distal to the first handle and formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire body end;

wherein the second flap includes a second stack of panels formed from the second portions of the opposing panels, the second handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the second stack of panels and a non-resealable fourth ~~fourth~~ seam distal to the second handle and formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire second end; and

a first tear seam formed at the first end.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, further comprising loose materials stored within the storage cavity.

9. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 8, wherein the loose materials include salt.

10. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 9, wherein the loose materials are selected from the group consisting of fertilizer, cement, granular chemicals, pet food, and landscaping materials.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the opposing panels include one or more layers of plastic material.

14. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 13, wherein the plastic material includes a polyolefin material.

15. (Currently Amended) A sealed, multi-handled bag for packaging loose materials comprising:

a non-resealable sealed substantially tubular shaped body without intucked sides, having a first end and a second end, the second end being substantially opposite the first end in a longitudinal direction of the body, the body including two opposing panels defining a storage cavity therebetween, the opposing panels being directly attached to each other at the first end to form a non-resealable first seam and at the second end to form a non-resealable second seam, and each panel has a thickness of about 3 to 12 mils;

a first flap formed from first portions of the opposing panels extending in the longitudinal direction beyond the first seam at the first end and a second flap formed from second portions of the opposing panels extending in the longitudinal direction beyond the second seam at the second end;

a first handle formed in the first flap; and

a second handle formed in the second flap;

wherein the first flap includes a stack of panels formed from the first portions of the opposing panels, the first handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the stack of panels and a non-resealable third seam distal to the first handle extending substantially along the entire body end;

wherein the second flap includes a stack of panels formed from the second portions of the opposing panels, the second handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the second stack of panels and a non-resealable fourth ~~fourth~~ seam distal to the second handle extending substantially along the entire second end; ~~and~~

wherein the non-resealable third seam is formed at a substantially simultaneous

time as the non-resealable first seam, the non-resealable fourth seam is formed at a substantially simultaneous time as the non-resealable second seam, or both; and

a first tear seam formed at the first end.

16. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, further comprising a second tear seam at the second end.

17. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, further comprising a plurality of tear seams.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the first handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through a first and second plastic sheet wherein the plastic sheets each have one or more layers, to form a grip.

20. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 19, wherein the first handle further comprises a patch attached to a first or second plastic sheet and the one of a cut and a series of perforations extends through the patch.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the loose materials include salt.

25. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the loose materials are selected from the group consisting of fertilizer, cement, granular chemicals, pet food, and landscaping materials.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) The sealed multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the first and second sheets include one or more layers of plastic

material.

28. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 27, wherein the plastic material includes a polyolefin material.

29. (Currently Amended) A sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag comprising:

a sealed substantially tubular shaped body without intucked sides, having a first end and a second end, the second end being substantially opposite the first end in a longitudinal direction of the body, the body including two plastic sheets wherein a first plastic sheet spaced apart from a second plastic sheet to form a storage cavity, the plastic sheets being directly sealed to each other at the first and second ends to form non-resealable ~~seams~~seals at the first and second ends, the sealed body being non-resealable, wherein the ~~seams~~seals are formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire body end such that the body is non-resealable, and each sheet has a thickness of about 3 to 12 mils, wherein the non-resealable first seam, the non-resealable second seam or both comprise a double seal that includes two substantially parallel seals disposed proximal to each other;

loose materials stored within the storage cavity;

a first flap formed from first portions of the plastic sheets extending in the longitudinal direction beyond the first seam at the first end and a second flap formed from second portions of the plastic sheets extending in the longitudinal direction beyond the second seam at the second end;

a first handle formed in the first ~~flap~~end; and

a second handle formed in the second ~~flap~~end;

wherein the first flap includes a stack of panels formed from the first portions of the plastic sheets, the first handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the stack of panels and a non-resealable third seam distal to the first handle and formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending

substantially along the entire body end;

wherein the second flap includes a stack of panels formed from the second portions of the plastic sheets, the second handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the second stack of panels and a non-resealable fourth ~~forth~~ seam distal to the second handle and formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire second end; and

wherein the non-resealable third seam is formed at a substantially simultaneous time as the non-resealable first seam, the non-resealable fourth seam is formed at a substantially simultaneous time as the non-resealable second seam, or both; and

a first tear seam formed at the first end.

30. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, further comprising a second tear seam at the second end.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A sealed, multi-handled salt bag comprising:
a plastic tube made up of two opposing portions which are heat-sealed directly to each other to form a non-resealable first seal at a first end and a non-resealable second seal at a second end substantially opposite to the first end in a longitudinal direction of the tube, wherein the seals are formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire tube end such that the tube is non-resealable, and the opposing portions have a thickness of about 3 to 12 mils wherein the non-resealable first seal, the non-resealable second seal or both comprise a double seal that includes two substantially parallel seals disposed proximal to each other;

salt contained within a cavity of the sealed bag;

a first flap formed from first portions of the opposing tube portions longitudinally extending beyond the first seal folded over to form a first double layer flap joined along the non-resealable first seam;

a first handle formed in the first flap;

a second flap formed from portions of the opposing tube portions longitudinally extending beyond the second seal folded over to form a second double layer flap joined along the non-resealable second seam; and

a second handle formed in the second flap;

wherein the first and second double layer flaps include a double stack of panels formed from the first portions of the opposing tube portions, the first and second handles are formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the double stack of panels, and a non-resealable third and fourth ~~forth~~ seals distal to the first and second handles respectively and formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire body ends; and

wherein the non-resealable third seal is formed at a substantially simultaneous time as the non-resealable first seal, the non-resealable fourth seal is formed at a substantially simultaneous time as the non-resealable second seal, or both.

Claims 33-41. (Canceled)

42. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the pair of opposing panels includes a first portion of a tube wall substantially opposing a second portion of the tube wall.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the first handle further comprises a patch attached to the stack of panels and the one of a cut and a series of perforations extends through the patch.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, further comprising loose materials stored within the storage cavity.

49. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 48,

wherein the loose materials include salt.

50. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 49, wherein the loose materials are selected from the group consisting of fertilizer, cement, granular chemicals, pet food, and landscaping materials.

51. (Cancelled)

52. (Cancelled)

53. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the opposing panels include one or more layers of plastic material.

54. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 53, wherein the plastic material includes a polyolefin material.

55. (Canceled)

56. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, further comprising a second tear seam at the second end.

57. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, further comprising a plurality of tear seams.

58. (Canceled)

59. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the first seam at the first end extends across a width of the body in a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the first seam at the first end extends across a width of the body in a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction.

Claim 62-74. (Canceled)